



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LAOTIAN HERITAGE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The United States of America recognized the Kingdom of Laos on February 7, 1950; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans during the Vietnam War despite retribution from the Vietnamese and Laotian governments; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to a significant number of Laotian Americans after being provided political asylum and citizenship because of their unique contributions to American Interests; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lao community of Georgia has made significant contributions to our state's diverse culture, tradition, language, and population including preserving, and promoting the rich Lao heritage; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans contribute positively to the social, educational, political, civic, cultural, and economic well-being of our state with hundreds of businesses and community organizations in the region; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans throughout Georgia have made a substantial impact to better the State of Georgia, helping the state to remain the No. 1 State for business, and the best state to live, work, and raise a family; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2024, as LAOTIAN HERITAGE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF